



MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:30 pm
 SUNDAY 9 am & 11:30 am

Weekday Mass @ 8:00 am
 Wednesday-Friday in the Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

UNITY MASS @ 10AM

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
@ 6:00pm

Christian Initiation:

Sacraments of Baptism,

Confirmation and Holy Communion

Preparation of each Sacrament is required. Baptisms are celebrated quarterly usually at 11:30 am Mass.

Adults seeking to receive the sacraments for the first time should contact the Pastor for further information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Arrangements should be made with the Priest before the wedding date is set; Instructions to begin at least four months before the wedding.



The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah and must be completed before they begin their ministry.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required online. Registration instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>. A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration.

Welcome to St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church

Our hope is that your presence here in the celebration of the Mass with us will remind you of the wonder that is God's sustaining grace; that it encourages you in your walk and will motivate you to pass on His amazing grace to others!

HISTORIC

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July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year A

Rev. Romanus Obiora Ezeugwu, MSP, Pastor
 Sharon Carson, Supt. of Religious Education
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Visit our website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to your parish. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.stbenedictmcc.org and selecting the **Online Giving** link to get started!

Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

The Holy Spirit draws us to this holy place each week to join together as a faith community to celebrate the Eucharist. **Eucharistia** literally means “thanksgiving” and we are forever thankful to God for sending the Son, who gives us his Body and Blood to nourish us, to redeem us, and to give us eternal life. May the Lord’s acceptance of his cross give us the courage to carry our own crosses, to empathize with others carrying their own crosses, and inspire us to help those whose crosses are too heavy to carry themselves.

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Readings for this weekend are found in the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book beginning on Page 300

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*Parish Giving
June 25, 2023*

Offertory (includes School Support and Bus)	\$5154.00
Special Collection: Peter’s Pence	\$ 500.00

“Thank You for Your Generosity”

MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am: For the peaceful repose of the soul of Dennis Clarence Bailey on the anniversary of his passing. *Mariah Bailey and Family

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Appreciation:

With a heart full of gratitude, I thank all of you for the love and support you lavish on me in this Parish! I am so humbled by your warmth, expression of affection, and the gifts that I received from you this last week, on the Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination – you have never ceased to surprise me! I deeply feel your love and support all around me, and I am so blessed that St. Benedict the Moor is my church family! May the Lord bless and reward you for the kindness you have shown me. I love you all!
- Fr. Romanus.

Please Pray for our Sick & Homebound:

Louise Allen, Willie Allen, Jr., Mariah Bailey, Joe Battle, Henry Blount, Odessa Bryant, Alethea Chaney, Otis & Lillie Charlton, Josefa Citizen, Lillian Dilworth, Morris Elliott, Juanita Fields, Jessica Jackson, Christine James, Mackenzie Jenkins, Vera Jennings, Clewon Johnson, Lillie Middleton, Dawud Patterson, Evelyn Porter, Ellen Roberts, Delores Robinson, Elizabeth Robinson, Janice Quinn, Cornelius St. Mark, Inez Walthour, Margaret Weston, Nathaniel Wiggins, Arlene Wiley, Crystal Williams, Ellen Williams, Tambra Williams, Narvia Williams, Julie Porter-Winfrey (out-of-town).

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

<p>O God, hear our prayer And let our cry come unto You. Bless our Diocese of Savannah With many vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life. Give the men and women You call The light to understand Your gift And the love to follow always In the footsteps of Your Priestly Son. Amen.</p>

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all who made our Vacation Bible School a success. We especially recognize Mrs. Karen Polk and Ms. Jennifer Short who organized the program, made and set up the decorations, and kept everything running smoothly. The children really enjoyed it and we hope to have an even bigger program next year. To all of our SonWest Roundup buddies, have a great summer and YEE – HAW!

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FOURTH OF JULY CLOSING

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday July 4, 2023 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The office will resume normal business hours on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

LECTORS' SCHEDULE (*ANNOUNCER ALSO)

July 2, 2023 Unity Mass
10:00am Taylor Walden Adriene Perry

July 8/9, 2023
5:30pm Dominique Jackson Sharon Carson*
9:00am Joe Carter Alicia Carter
11:30am Matthew Jenkins Monesha Gallishaw*

July 15/16, 2023
5:30pm Taylor Walden Shirley West
9:00am Georgene Jones Teresa Udowana
11:30am Faith Formation Faith Formation

ANNOUNCERS' SCHEDULE (*LECTOR ALSO)

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9:00am Ruth Simmons
11:30am Monesha Gallishaw*

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EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE

July 2, 2023 Unity Mass
10:00am Torrance Garvin

July 8/9, 2023
5:30pm Shirley West
9:00am Gloria Stephens
11:3am William Wright

July 15/16
5:30pm Sharon Carson
9:00am Torrance Garvin
11:30am Theresa Garvin

PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Think you know your Bible?

"... *lean not on your own understanding ..*" (Proverbs 3:5). You can never stop learning or growing in your faith. Our Parish Bible Study is held on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. in the parish hall. The teaching of our Catholic doctrines is blended into our bible study to enable us to have a better understanding of the faith that we profess. Please come, let us enrich ourselves with the Word of God. *Fr. Romanus.

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July Calendar

- 3 Mon. Feast of St. Thomas
- 4 Tue. Independence Day
- 5 Wed. Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Zaccaria: Optional Memorial of St. Elizabeth of Portugal
- 6 Thu. Optional Memorial of St. Maria Goretti
- 7 Fri. First Friday
- 8 Sat. Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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BUS MINISTRY

Anyone wishing for transportation to the 9:00am or 10:00am Unity Mass should call either Dr. Earl Berksteiner at (912) 713-0414 or Mr. James Warren at (912) 655-8717 on or before Friday to schedule pickup. Thank you.

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STROKE SCAN INFORMATION

Reminder that a representative from Stroke Scan will be here at today's Unity Mass to provide additional information and sign up interested persons after Mass in the parish hall. The tests will take place in the parish hall on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

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BBQ RIB DINNERS

Come out and enjoy a delicious BBQ rib dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #10274 on Sunday, July 30th 10am – 2pm. Rib dinners with all the fixings are a bargain at **\$15.00** each and you know that the Knights can throw down when it comes to the grill. So don't worry about cooking during the hot summer – pick up and enjoy a great rib dinner from the Knights of Columbus #10274. You won't regret it!

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

The love of God comes first

The Holy Spirit reveals to us the love of the eternal Father and the eternal Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who come to make their home with us and to unite us in a bond of peace and friendship. That is why the Lord Jesus commanded his disciples to give him their undivided loyalty and love above all else. We owe him a debt of gratitude for what he has done for us. The Lord Jesus gives us the assurance and promise that he will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his so that we may fully share in his resurrection for all eternity.

God has no equal - that is why we owe the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit our undivided loyalty, trust, and obedience. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for the Lord Jesus who calls us to follow him. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies, if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do.

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or anything else above God is a form of idolatry. We can allow many different things to take control of our lives and possess us - such as greed and lust for power, possessions, and wealth. But only God's love can set us free to love as he loves - with mercy, kindness, goodness, patience, perseverance, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). The first and great commandment

is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Matthew 22:37). If we pursue the love of God and put his kingdom first in our lives, then he will give us everything we need to sustain us now and, in the future, as well. Who is the Lord and Master of your life? (*Daily Scripture Reading and Meditations*).

Your Pineapple for the Week:

“He who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Matthew 10:38)

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SUMMERTIME...

And the living is easy: school is out, vacations begin, family reunions, and R & R for the parents, right? ***BUT!!! Church is always IN!*** Please remember ***Sunday Mass every weekend, Mass during the week, and Daily prayer. Consistently use our contribution envelopes to support the parish, even while we are on vacation. Online giving really helps the consistency of our weekly offertory.***

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*HAVE A BLESSED AND SAFE
FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY*